CLAIMS

1.   A method for providing an electronic editor tool for an on-line educational system, comprising:

provide on-line content concerning educational materials for a particular educational course;

providing on-line an electronic syllabus for the educational course, the syllabus identifying units, assignments, and educational materials for the educational course;

selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content; and

automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes:

receiving on-line a request from a user to edit the content;

verifying the user; and

permitting the user to edit the content based upon the verifying.

3.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes:

receiving a request to edit a particular feature in the content; and

retrieving and displaying the particular feature for editing.

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4.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving and displaying a default template for editing based upon the content.

5.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving default content for use in on-line editing of the content.

6.   The method of claim 5, further including automatically rendering the default content for a particular portion of the content.

7.   The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving default styles for use in on-line editing of the content.

8.   The method of claim 1, further including:

displaying tabs identifying portions of the content;

selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content via selection of the tabs; and

automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

9.   The method of claim 8, further including retrieving and displaying an identification of default content based upon the selected tab.

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10.   The method of claim 8, further including retrieving and displaying an identification of a default style based upon the selected tab.

11.   An apparatus for providing an electronic editor tool for an on-line educational system, comprising:

a content module for providing on-line content concerning educational materials for a particular educational course;

a syllabus module for providing on-line an electronic syllabus for the educational course, the syllabus identifying units, assignments, and educational materials for the educational course;

an edit module for selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content; and

an implementation module for automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

12.   The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes:

a request module for receiving on-line a request from a user to edit the content;

a verification module for verifying the user; and

a module for permitting the user to edit the content based upon the verification.

13.   The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes:

a request module for receiving a request to edit a particular feature in the content; and

a retrieve module for retrieving and displaying the particular feature for editing.

14. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving and displaying a default template for editing based upon the content.

15. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving default content for use in on-line editing of the content.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, further including a module for automatically rendering the default content for a particular portion of the content.

17. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving default styles for use in on-line editing of the content.

18. The apparatus of claim 11, further including:

a module for displaying tabs identifying portions of the content;

a module for selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content via selection of the tabs; and

a module for automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

19.   The apparatus of claim 18, further including a module for retrieving and

displaying an identification of default content based upon the selected tab.

20.   The apparatus of claim 18, further including a module for retrieving and

displaying an identification of a default style based upon the selected tab.